

# The Bandit

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
SAUVIGNON BLANC PINOT GRIS 2008



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Infamous Western Australian bushranger Moondyne Joe was apprehended at the Houghton winery's cellars in 1869.

Cutting a bizarre figure in his carefully-planned outfit of a wheat sack, with barrels tied front and back to collect wine, sheepskin-covered boots to hide his tracks and a set of skeleton keys in a bag around his neck.

The serial jail breaker had been on the run for almost two years. Moondyne's thirst was to be his final undoing.

## TASTING NOTES

Bright and vibrant with a pale straw and green tinge. Aromas of intense lifted characters of lychee, guava and passionfruit combine with floral notes of jasmine and lilies.

Light and fresh, the full flavoured palate displays tropical fruit characters of passionfruit and pineapple combined with mouth filling pear, apple and lemon citrus with a long and lingering finish.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris parcels were harvested at optimum ripeness. The grapes were harvested at night when temperatures were at their coolest to maintain fruit freshness and flavour intensity. Gentle handling in the winery meant the bold and vibrant fruit flavours are preserved. This was maintained throughout the winemaking process with gentle handling and cool fermentation. The resultant wine parcels were blended and minimally fined before being bottled in August.

## VINTAGE 2008

GROWING AREAS  
Western Australia

GRAPE VARIETY  
90% Sauvignon Blanc  
10% Pinot Gris

WINEMAKER  
Rob Bowen

ALCOHOL 13.0%  
pH 3.2  
ACIDITY 6.5 g/litre

## FOOD SUGGESTION

Enjoyed with ricotta and spinach tortellini.



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